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## Corps partners with city, agencies for CWA 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**Caldwell, Idaho** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District's Indian Creek Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility team members are working with the City of Caldwell, Albertson College of Idaho, and Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to conduct "Eyes on Indian Creek" on Oct. 18.

The event is in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Clean Water Act with a Water Quality Monitoring Day held here.

Activities will include water quality monitoring with students from Albertson College of Idaho's Environmental Sciences program and school children, and a streamwalk modeled after an Environmental Protection Agency program, designed to be used by people interested in learning about the health of their stream.

Indoor activities will include the use dissecting scopes to look at bugs found in the creek and microscopes to look at the creek water. Oct. 18 is the 30th Anniversary of the enactment of the Clean Water Act. This date marks a milestone in the efforts to protect our nation's water resources. Organizations participating in the event include: City of Caldwell, Albertson College of Idaho, Caldwell Mayor's Core Area Committee, Friends of Indian Creek, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, COMPASS, and the National Park Service Rivers & Trails and Art & Community Landscapes Programs.

The Corps' Indian Creek Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Report began with a request from the City of Caldwell in 2001, under the Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996. This act provides authority for the Corps to restore aquatic ecosystems. Indian Creek currently runs underground through part of downtown Caldwell.

Events for the Clean Water Act Water Quality Monitoring Day on Friday, Oct. 18 include:

**Open House:** 3:30 - 6 p.m., Caldwell Police Station Community Room, 5th Street and Arthur Street.

**Open House Activities:**

- Includes view the insects, a closer look at the water, drawing what you discover, water quality monitoring literature and more.
- Friends of Indian Creek, 5 p.m.
- Reception, 5:30 p.m. - remarks by Caldwell City Mayor Garret Nancolas, Core Area Commission, and Friends of Indian Creek.

**Creekside Activities, 4th Street and Arthur Street:**

- Water Quality Monitoring with Albertson College Environmental Studies students, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 4 p.m.
- Streamwalk - A Visual Assessment of Indian Creek led by Lorraine Mann, 4 p.m.
- Fish Survey - Discover the variety of species in Indian Creek, 4:30 p.m.

Information is available by calling (208) 345-2065 or by visiting [www.yearofcleanwater.org/](http://www.yearofcleanwater.org/).

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